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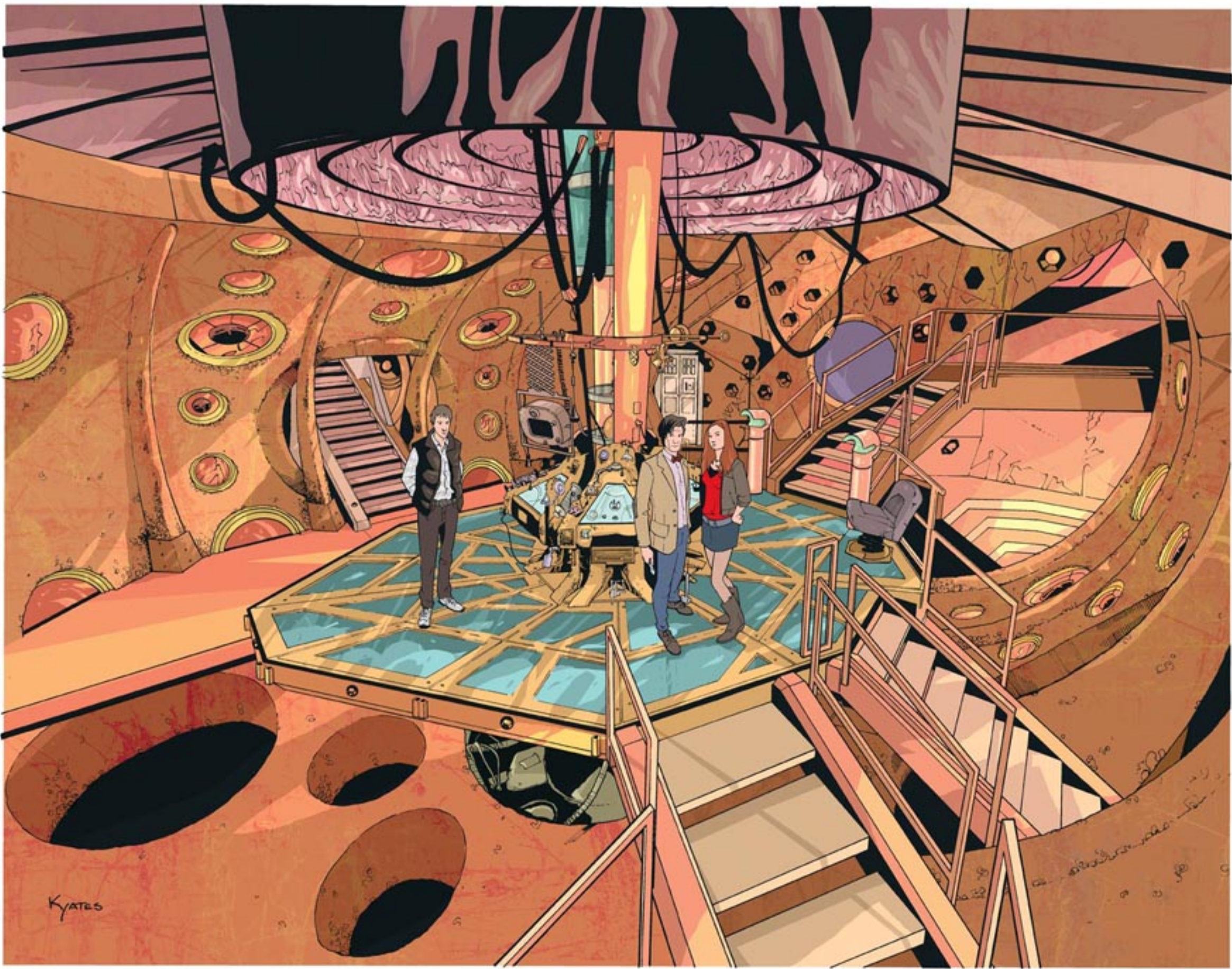


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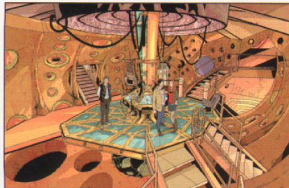
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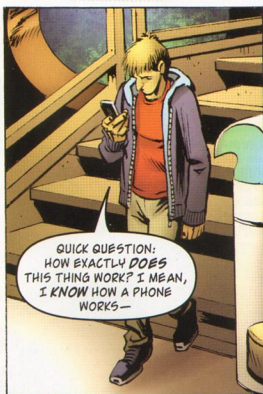
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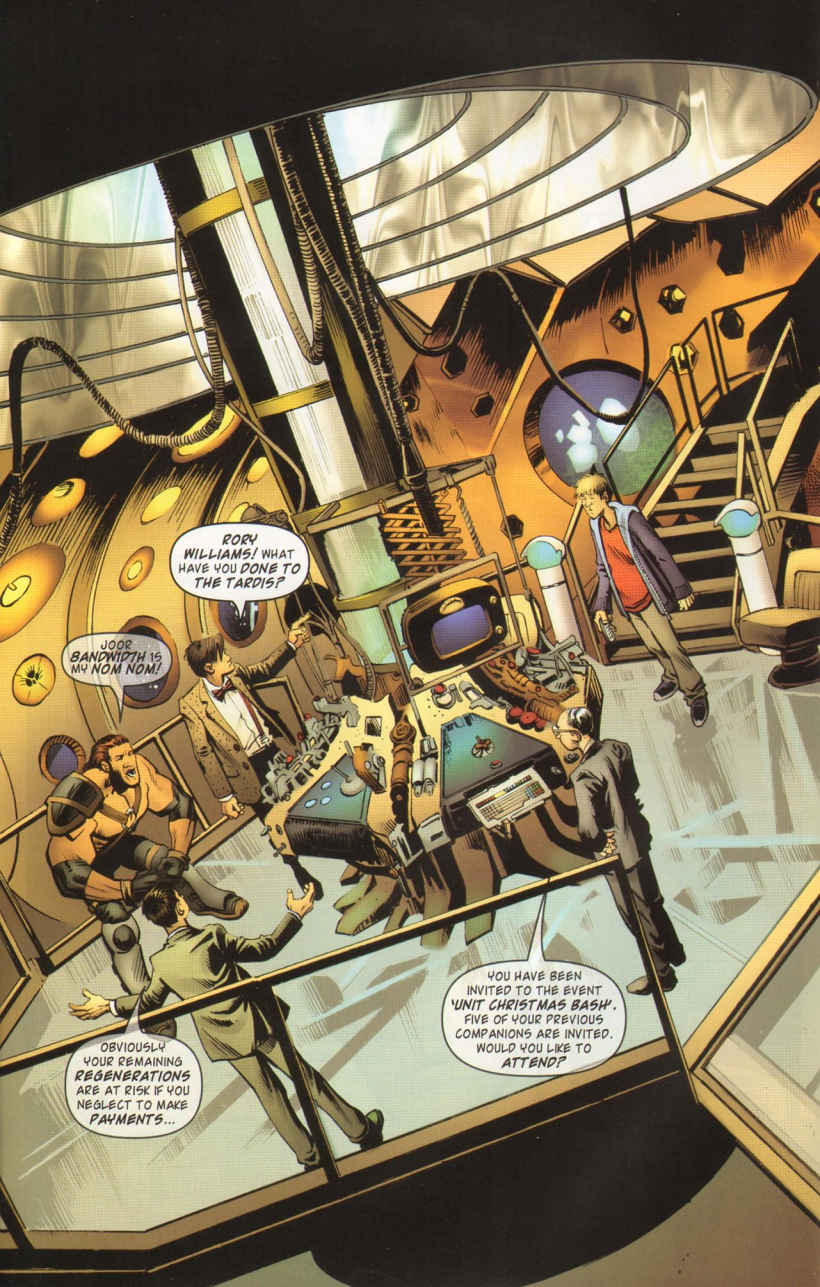
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RORY
WILLIAMS! WHAT
HAVE YOU DONE TO
THE TARDIS?

JOOR
BANDWIDTH IS
MY NOM NOM!

OBVIOUSLY
YOUR REMAINING
REGENERATIONS
ARE AT RISK IF YOU
NEGLECT TO MAKE
PAYMENTS...

YOU HAVE BEEN
INVITED TO THE EVENT
'UNIT CHRISTMAS BASH'.
FIVE OF YOUR PREVIOUS
COMPANIONS ARE INVITED.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO
ATTEND?



DOCTOR, I CAN EXPLAIN.

I'M SURE YOU CAN. SHALL I DO IT FOR YOU? YOU FOUND THE PHONE.

AH, YES, THE PHONE.



WELL, NOT EXACTLY—

MAGIC PHONE. CALLS ANYWHERE. IN YOUR HAND. LOTS OF BUTTONS YOU JUST WANT TO PRESS.



CAN ANYBODY EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS?

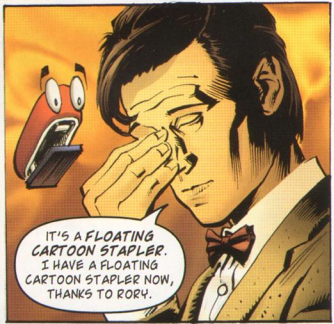
OH, NO! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE PAYING YOUR CAR INSURANCE IN GALACTIC CREDITS!



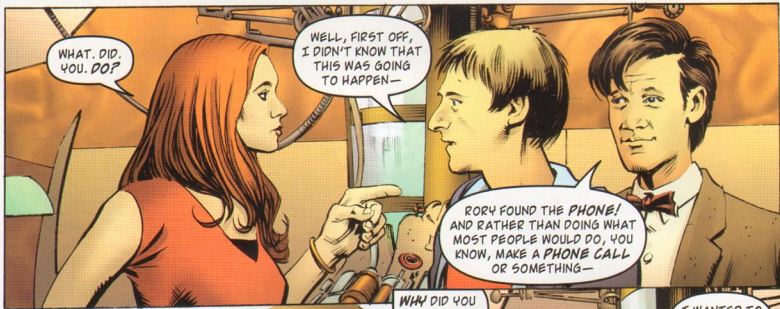
AND WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?



YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM. WOULD YOU LIKE ASSISTANCE?



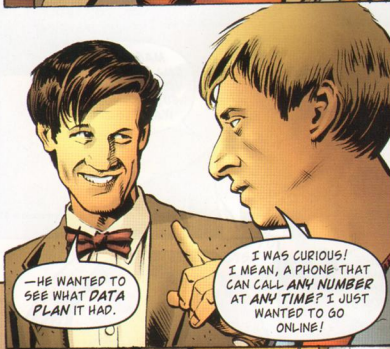
IT'S A FLOATING CARTOON STAPLER. I HAVE A FLOATING CARTOON STAPLER NOW, THANKS TO RORY.



WHAT. DID. YOU. DO?

WELL, FIRST OFF, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN—

RORY FOUND THE PHONE! AND RATHER THAN DOING WHAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD DO, YOU KNOW, MAKE A PHONE CALL OR SOMETHING—



—HE WANTED TO SEE WHAT DATA PLAN IT HAD.

I WAS CURIOUS! I MEAN, A PHONE THAT CAN CALL ANY NUMBER AT ANY TIME? I JUST WANTED TO GO ONLINE!

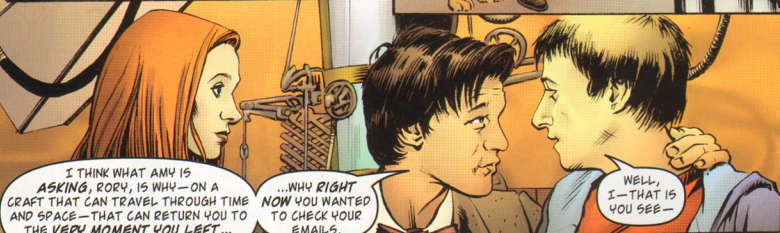


WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO ONLINE?

I WANTED TO SEE IF ANYONE HAD POSTED UP PHOTOS OF THE WEDDING!

I SAID, WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO ONLINE?

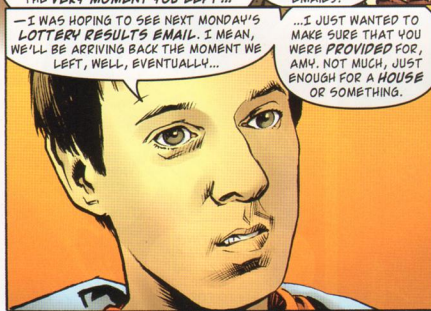
I WANTED TO CHECK ON AUNTIE JANE! SHE HAD A SERIOUS MOMENT WHEN THE TARDIS APPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SPEECHES!



I THINK WHAT AMY IS ASKING, RORY, IS WHY—ON A CRAFT THAT CAN TRAVEL THROUGH TIME AND SPACE—THAT CAN RETURN YOU TO THE VERY MOMENT YOU LEFT...

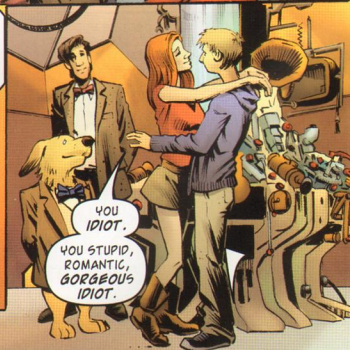
...WHY RIGHT NOW YOU WANTED TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS.

WELL, I—THAT IS YOU SEE—



—I WAS HOPING TO SEE NEXT MONDAY'S LOTTERY RESULTS EMAIL. I MEAN, WE'LL BE ARRIVING BACK THE MOMENT WE LEFT, WELL, EVENTUALLY...

...I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU WERE PROVIDED FOR, AMY. NOT MUCH, JUST ENOUGH FOR A HOUSE OR SOMETHING.



YOU IDIOT.

YOU STUPID, ROMANTIC, GORGEOUS IDIOT.



BUT HOW
DID I CREATE
THEM?

SIMPLE. THE PHONE IS
LINKED TO THE TARDIS. AND
THEREFORE TO THE **TIME
VORTEX**. IF YOU'D SET IT UP
RIGHT, YOU'D BE ABLE TO SEE
EVERY EMAIL YOU'D EVER
RECEIVE.

UNFORTUNATELY THE
TARDIS ISN'T BUILT FOR
THAT. NO FIREWALL,
SO TO SPEAK.



SO EVERY
SPAM EMAIL I
EVER HAD IS NOW
IN THE TARDIS.

GREAT. SO,
HOW DO I FIX
THIS?



YOU DON'T. THE
TARDIS NEEDS TO
SHUT DOWN, PURGE
ITS SYSTEM. SHOULD
TAKE ABOUT THREE
HOURS.

THEN WHY IS
IT SHUDDERING
RIGHT NOW?



DIDN'T I
MENTION? IT'S
ALREADY SHUT
DOWN. WE'RE ABOUT
TO CRASH.

**HOLD ON
TIGHT!**



HERE
WE GO!

IF YOU
SAY '**GERONIMO**',
DOCTOR, I WILL
HURT YOU!



NOT A BAD
LANDING. ANYTHING
YOU CAN WALK
AWAY FROM...

SO, WHAT
NOW? WE HAVE
TO WAIT UNTIL THE
TARDIS WAKES
UP?



PRETTY MUCH. THREE HOURS
AND COUNTING. HOPEFULLY
THERE'LL BE SOMETHING
HERE TO DISTRACT US.

WHEREVER
HERE IS.

YOU DON'T
KNOW WHERE
WE ARE?



YOU'RE NOT
ALLOWED TO
TALK.

ARE YOU THE
DOCTOR? THANK
GOODNESS
YOU CAME!



YOU KNOW ME?
INTERESTING.
WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?

THE KING OF SECUNDA
HAS PASSED AWAY, AND
THE LOYAL SUBJECTS
BELIEVE THAT IT WAS AN
ASSASSINATION!



BUT LUCKILY
THE LOYAL FORCES
HID HIS MONEY—MILLIONS
IN CREDITS ARE WAITING TO BE
RETRIEVED! UNFORTUNATELY
IT MUST BE AN OUTSIDER
WHO DOES THIS.

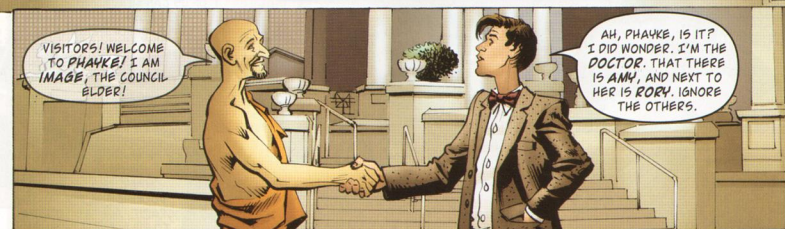
IF YOU GIVE ME
YOUR ACCOUNT
DETAILS, I WILL
SPLIT IT WITH YOU!

RORY? IT'S
ANOTHER OF YOUR
FRIENDS.

I'D LOVE TO
HELP YOU. BIG FAN
OF THE KING. SPEAK
TO THE IDIOT
THERE.

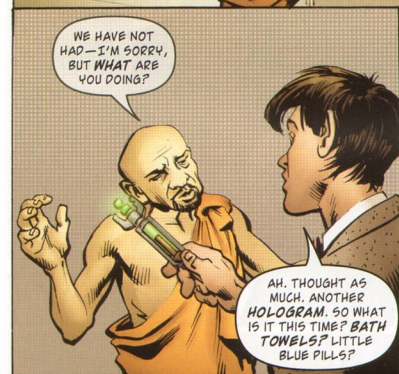


AHA! FINALLY
WE MIGHT DISCOVER
WHERE WE ARE!



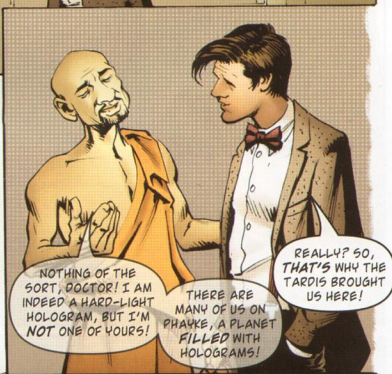
VISITORS! WELCOME
TO PHAYKE! I AM
IMAGE, THE COUNCIL
ELDER!

AH, PHAYKE, IS IT?
I DID WONDER. I'M THE
DOCTOR. THAT THERE
IS AMY, AND NEXT TO
HER IS RORY. IGNORE
THE OTHERS.



WE HAVE NOT
HAD—I'M SORRY,
BUT WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

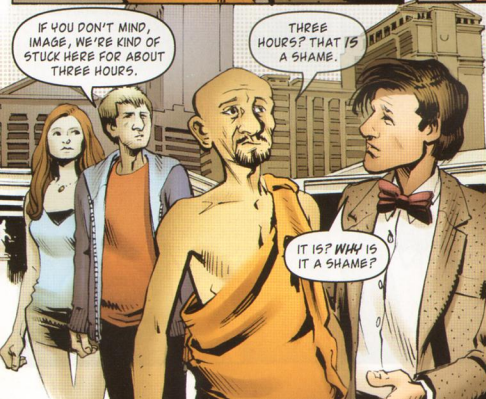
AH. THOUGHT AS
MUCH. ANOTHER
HOLOGRAM. SO WHAT
IS IT THIS TIME? BATH
TOWELS? LITTLE
BLUE PILLS?



NOTHING OF THE
SORT, DOCTOR! I AM
INDEED A HARD-LIGHT
HOLOGRAM, BUT I'M
NOT ONE OF YOURS!

THERE ARE
MANY OF US ON
PHAYKE, A PLANET
FILLED WITH
HOLOGRAMS!

REALLY? SO,
THAT'S WHY THE
TARDIS BROUGHT
US HERE!



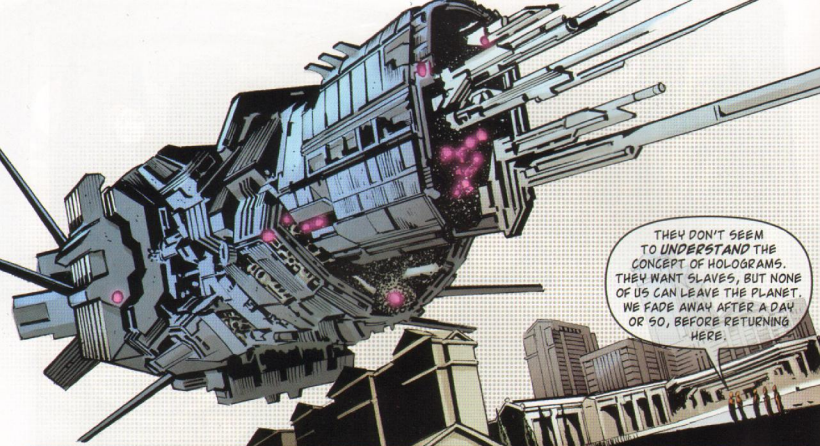
IF YOU DON'T MIND,
IMAGE, WE'RE KIND OF
STUCK HERE FOR ABOUT
THREE HOURS.

THREE
HOURS? THAT IS
A SHAME.

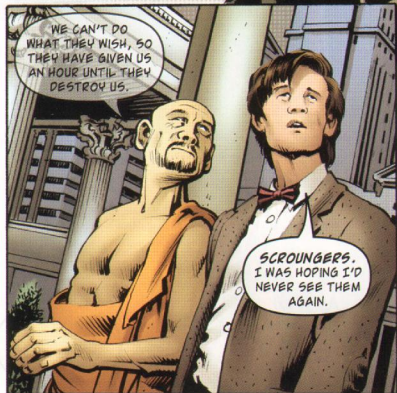
IT IS? WHY IS
IT A SHAME?



BECAUSE IN AN
HOUR, THEY WILL BE
DESTROYING THIS
PLANET.

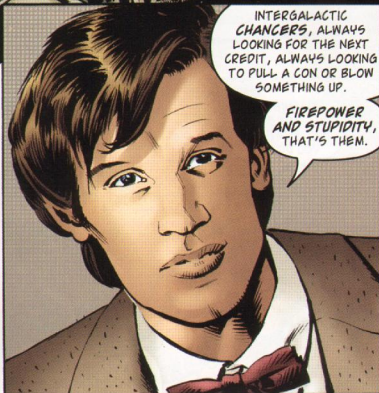


THEY DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF HOLOGRAMS. THEY WANT SLAVES, BUT NONE OF US CAN LEAVE THE PLANET. WE FADE AWAY AFTER A DAY OR SO, BEFORE RETURNING HERE.



WE CAN'T DO WHAT THEY WISH, SO THEY HAVE GIVEN US AN HOUR UNTIL THEY DESTROY US.

SCROUNGERS. I WAS HOPING I'D NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN.



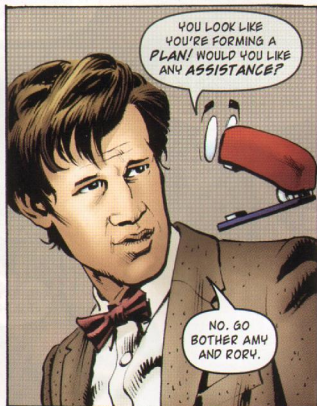
INTERGALACTIC CHANCERS, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE NEXT CREDIT, ALWAYS LOOKING TO PULL A CON OR BLOW SOMETHING UP.

FIREPOWER AND STUPIDITY, THAT'S THEM.



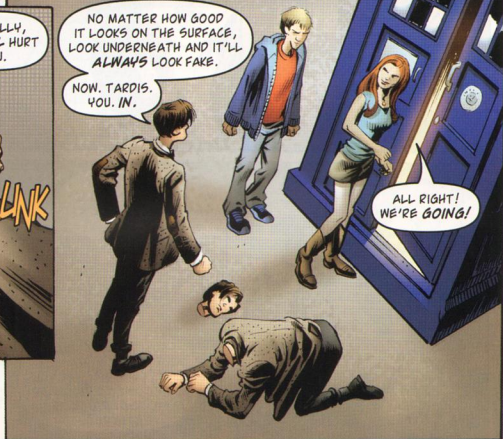
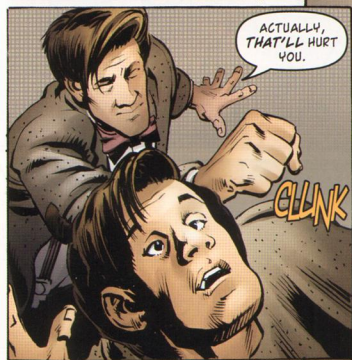
AMY, TAKE RORY. GO BACK TO THE TARDIS AND WAIT FOR ME.

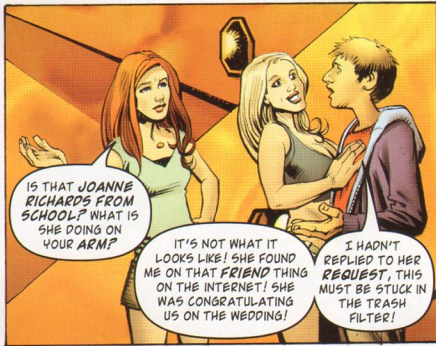
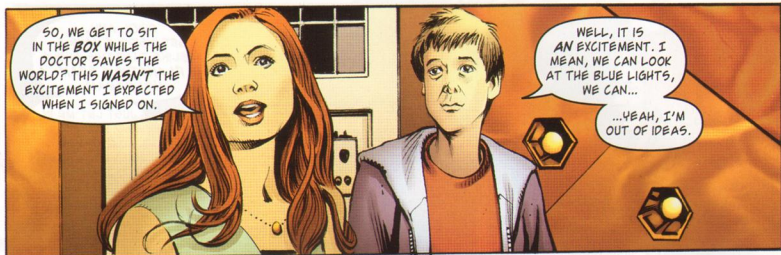
THE SCROUNGERS HAVE AN ANNOYING HABIT OF ACCIDENTALLY KIDNAPPING HUMANS AND TURNING THEM INTO SLAVES.

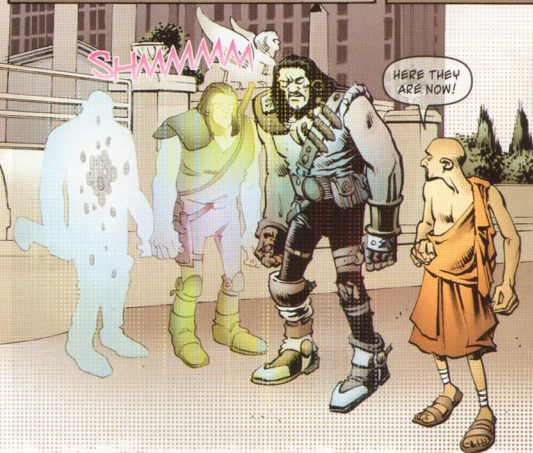
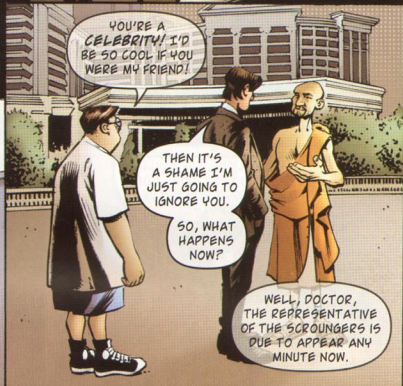
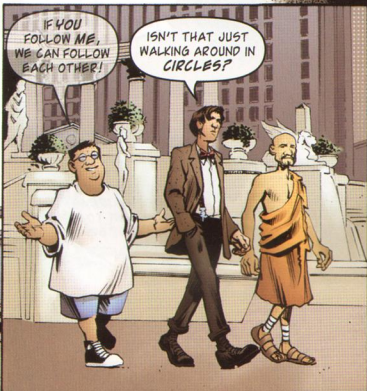
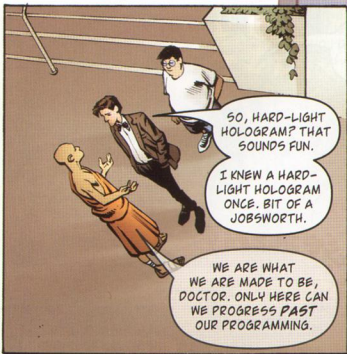


YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FORMING A PLAN! WOULD YOU LIKE ANY ASSISTANCE?

NO. GO BOTHER AMY AND RORY.











FOR YEARS WE'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU. THE **DESTROYER OF WORLDS**—YOU'D MAKE A PRETTY PRICE ON OUR **SLAVE BLOCK**.

SORRY, DIFFERENT ME. I'M MORE THE **STROKING KITTENS** KIND. NOT THAT THERE ARE ANY **KITTENS** HERE, OF COURSE.



I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS! EVERYTHING IS A **HOLOGRAM**, NONE OF THIS IS REAL, AND YET YOU STILL WANT IT!

AND WHY NOT? THE **SCROUNGERS** DESERVE THIS! IF WE DON'T GET IT—WE **BLOW IT UP!**



YOU ARE **AWESOME!** I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW YOU!

SEE, DOCTOR?! EVEN THE **INHABITANTS** OF THE PLANET WANT US TO LEAD THEM!



NOW LISTEN HERE! I TOLD YOU LAST TIME—

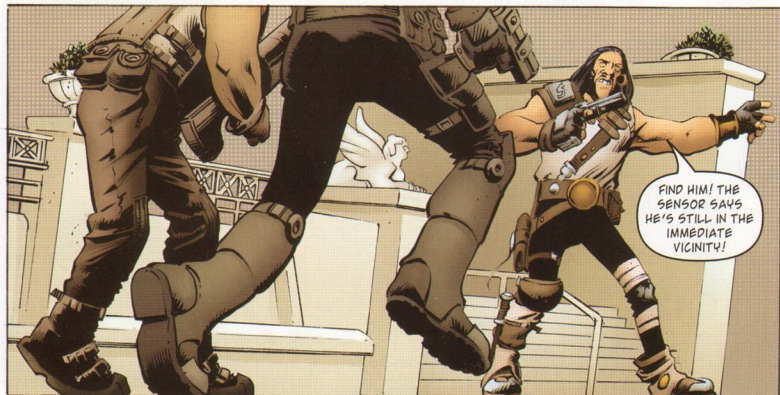
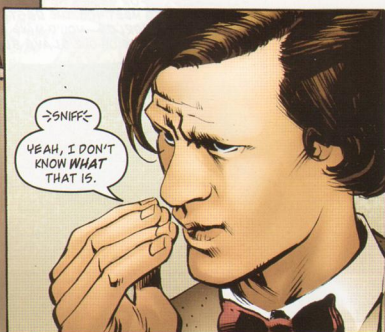


BORED OF YOU!

TAKE THE DOCTOR! WE SHALL GAIN AT LEAST **ONE** THING BEFORE WE DESTROY THIS PLANET—



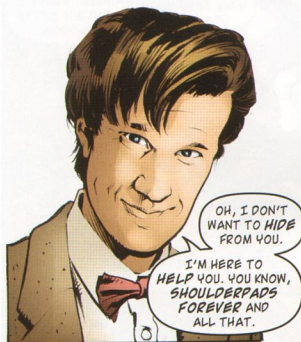
—WHERE DID THE DOCTOR GO?





AH, THERE YOU ARE! THOUGHT YOU'D WANDERED OFF!

DOCTOR! BAR US, YOU ARE THE ONLY LIFE FORM ON THIS PLANET! THERE IS NOWHERE TO HIDE!



OH, I DON'T WANT TO HIDE FROM YOU.

I'M HERE TO HELP YOU. YOU KNOW, SHOULDERPADS FOREVER AND ALL THAT.



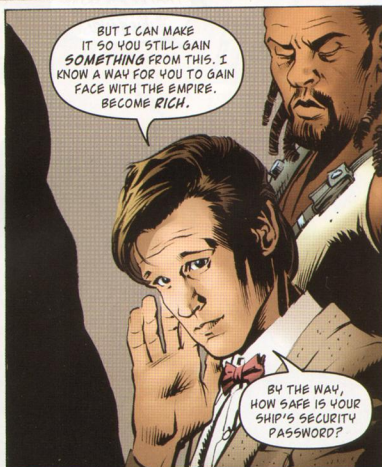
TAKE HIM! CAPTURE THE DOCTOR!

WELL DONE, YOU! YOU REALLY HAVE THOUGHT THIS ALL OUT!



YOU SEE, THIS WHOLE PLANET? ONE BIG HOLOGRAM. YOU, ME, THE ONLY THINGS ALIVE ON IT.

NOW, THE INHABITANTS? THEY'RE NOT HAPPY ABOUT YOU. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS SWITCH OFF THE PLANET AND BOOM! WE'RE FLOATING IN DEEP SPACE.



BUT I CAN MAKE IT SO YOU STILL GAIN SOMETHING FROM THIS. I KNOW A WAY FOR YOU TO GAIN FACE WITH THE EMPIRE. BECOME RICH.

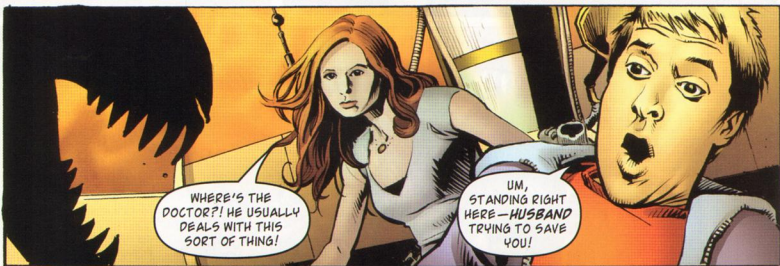
BY THE WAY, HOW SAFE IS YOUR SHIP'S SECURITY PASSWORD?





WELL, HOW WAS I TO KNOW THAT THEY'D DO THAT? YOU SAID JOANNE KNEW ABOUT THE WEDDING!

JOANNE DOES! THAT'S NOT JOANNE!



WHERE'S THE DOCTOR?! HE USUALLY DEALS WITH THIS SORT OF THING!

UM, STANDING RIGHT HERE—HUSBAND TRYING TO SAVE YOU!



SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! SAVE ME!

WELL, I'M WORKING ON THAT—

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE DISEMBOWELLED BY A MONSTER! WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ASSISTANCE?

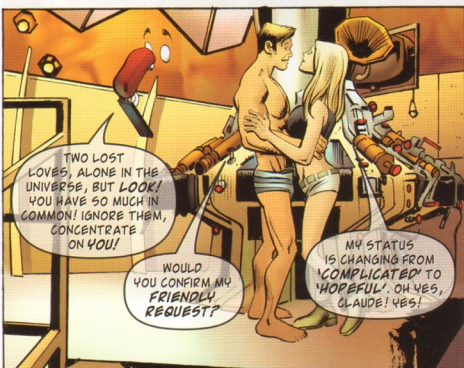
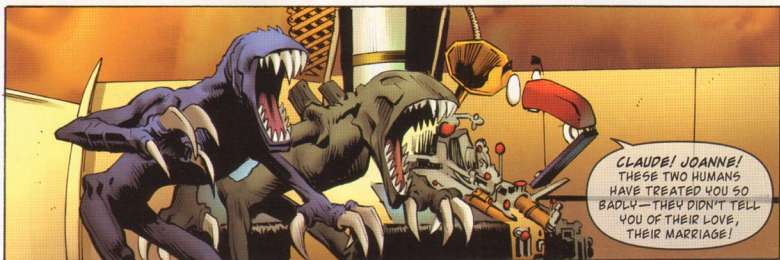


NO! NO! NO, NO, NO!

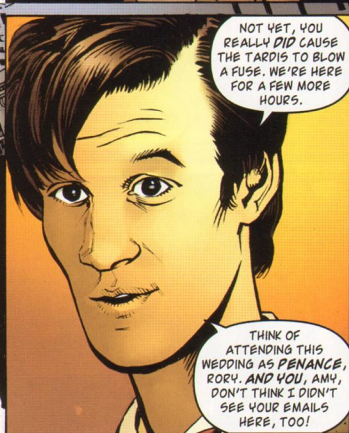
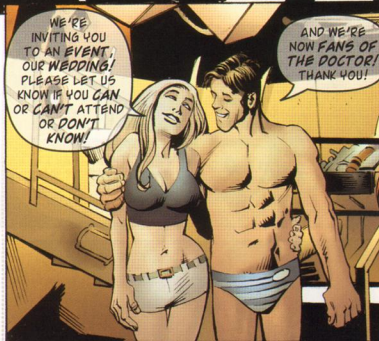
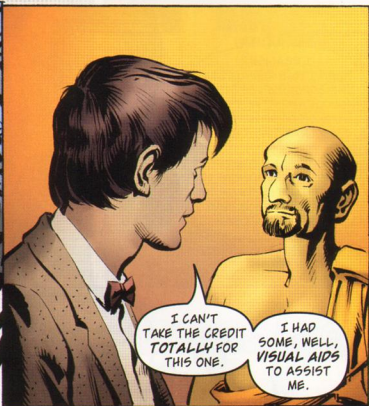
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY NO? NO!



ACTUALLY, I THINK THE ANSWER YOU SAY SHOULD BE YES.







THE SCROUNGER SHIP.

SCROUNGERS! YOU HAVE LEFT THE PLANET EMPTY-HANDED, BUT WITH THE PROMISE OF FAR GREATER RICHES!

THIS MAN HAS OVER 50 BILLION CREDITS THAT HE NEEDS TO GET OFF HIS PLANET, AND WOULD LIKE YOU TO HELP!

THIS MAN CAN GIVE YOU ZERO PERCENT FINANCE ON A BRAND-NEW SHIP!

AND THIS... DOG CAN INSURE IT FOR YOU!

HOORAAAR!

TRUE WEALTH! I HAVE GIVEN OUR ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR THIS MONEY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO US!

AND THE DOCTOR HAS FOUND A FLAW IN OUR ACCOUNT SECURITY, AND HAS HELPED US CHANGE THE PASSWORD SETTINGS!



NEXT: THE RIPPER'S CURSE!

DOCTOR WHO

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DOCTOR'S NOTES: DIAGNOSIS & SECOND OPINIONS

Welcome to the first issue of Doctor Who. Hope you enjoyed the last one.

What's that? "How can this be the first issue, if there was a previous one?" Easy answer for any Doctor Who fan: regeneration, the process by which Time Lords can renew themselves with a complete physical change.

The previous series chronicled the adventures of the tenth incarnation of the Doctor, as portrayed by **David Tennant**. At the end of Series 4, the Doctor regenerated once again, his new form being depicted by **Matt Smith**. And that brings us to Series 5 and this comic you're holding right now.

Also returning is writer **Tony Lee**. He survived death threats, numerous rewrites, and a surly editor during the first series, so he earned his keep.

And before we discuss what this new series holds, let's take a final look at the previous series with our No. 1 fan, Jeff Thompson:

Dear Denton and the Rest of the Who Crew,

Issue #16 represents the best of Doctor Who. A tight issue by Tony Lee, great art by Matthew Dow Smith, and a clever lead-in on the final pages to "The Waters of Mars" television episode. Hard to believe 16 issues have been published. Denton, you and your staff did a phenomenal job putting together this

book. Thank you for the dedication, work, and efforts. It was appreciated.

As for the new series coming in January, I have a few thoughts and suggestions:

- I've always liked photo covers and I hope the new series will have its share (whether as a regular cover or as a retailer incentive cover).
 - Would you consider including a DVD episode packaged with the comic? Or would the economics make this an impossibility?
 - Back in the day when Valiant was starting up, they had coupons with the books. After collecting them and mailed in, you would get an incentive book. I wonder if something like this could be done to reward the loyal and regular readers?
 - And finally, I've suggested this before but I feel this would be fantastic concept. A trading card set featuring the art of the series. Or better yet, a set featuring the seasons of David Tennant and Matt Smith. The closest thing out there is by Topps/Merlin, which does the gaming cards and stickers. But there has not been a legitimate card set in years and I think the fan base would be very receptive if done right. If manufacturing boxes is not possible, how about a small set of cards for insertion into the comics or for sale online through the IDW shop?
- Looking forward to the new year, the new book, and all the surprises you have

in store for us. See you in January.

All The Best,
Jeff Thompson

Thanks for the thoughts and suggestions, Jeff. We are looking into DVD opportunities, and coupons are another idea that has been discussed. Cards are out of the equation, since we hold the comic book license. But this series will have a photo cover for each issue, as well as a painted cover by the fantastic **Tommy Lee Edwards**, in a 50/50 split.

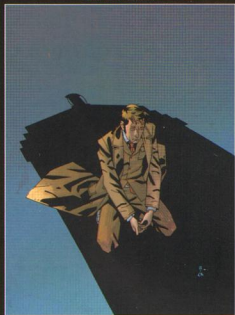
In addition to the regular covers, we have some special retailer incentive covers by some of comics' top talents: **Ben Templesmith**, **Chris Samnee**, and **Mark Buckingham**.

Not stopping there, we've pulled together a stellar line-up of interior artists. After this issue's turn by Andrew Currie, next up we have **Richard Piers Rayner** for a three-part arc involving Jack the Ripper! Richard is best known for his *Road to Perdition* with **Max Allan Collins**, which was made into a feature film by **Sam Mendes** and starring **Tom Hanks**. And then with issue #5, we'll have a special one-shot story drawn by Mr. Buckingham, featuring... Viking football!

But that's enough teasing for now. See you next month!

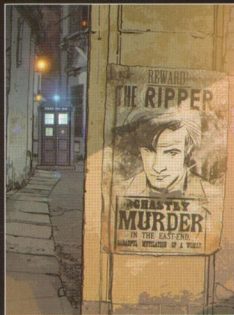
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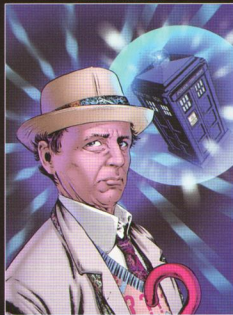
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